

Mayor's Initiatives



*The Mayor
promises
change...*

In recent years, the City has faced an unprecedented number of challenges. These challenges have often become embarrassing obstacles; they demand that we change the way in which business is conducted at City Hall. As part of his agenda for municipal government reform, Mayor Jerry Sanders has committed himself to streamlining government operations, creating fiscal stability, making government more accountable and transparent to its citizens and to make ethics and customer service the cornerstones of a new City government.

The Mayor has articulated a number of goals for his administration:

Short-term (Fiscal Year 2007)

- **Complete the audit process** on the City's financial statements dating back to Fiscal Year 2003 as expeditiously as possible.
- **Regain access** to the public credit markets so that the City can launch critical public infrastructure improvements.
- **Expedite court resolution** of the 1996 and 2002 pension benefit increases.
- **Make significant improvements** to the funding of the City's Pension System.
- **Implement managerial reforms** in Fiscal Year 2007 to trim expenses and make government more efficient and effective.
- **Improve the funding** of City's General Fund reserve.
- **Conduct a comprehensive** review of salary and benefit levels for all

employees, including public safety. This will serve as the basis for future discussions on wages and benefits.

- **Fund a portion** of the City's Deferred Maintenance and complete an inventory of all deferred maintenance needs.
- **Begin to fund Retiree Health** and work toward the establishment of a trust.
- **Establish a new pension** system for new employees.
- **Complete the audits** of our water and wastewater systems and implement much needed improvements.
- **Secure voter approval** for two Charter initiatives allowing managed competition for appropriate City services and a public vote for pension benefit increases.
- **Seek an option** for the San Diego Chargers that is good for taxpayers.
- **Ensure San Diego receives** its fair share of Homeland Security funding as well a fair share of other State and federal money.
- **Develop a 5 Year Financial Plan** for City government.



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Long-term (beyond Fiscal Year 2007)

- **Rebuild trust** in San Diego City government by returning the government to fiscal and managerial stability.

*...transparent
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- **Complete a renewed** valuation and establish a ten-year completion plan for deferred maintenance.
- **Promote economic development** in San Diego.
- **Promote** regional cooperation.

- **Improve quality of life** for San Diegans today and tomorrow by promoting programs that bring clean air and water and efficient transportation throughout the region.
- **Prioritize affordable housing** and workforce housing by correcting regulatory loopholes and inefficiencies, fostering accountability and bringing together new ideas and focus
- **Monitor the actions** of the San Diego Regional Airport Authority as they make recommendations to voters about the future of commercial air transport in our region